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February 21, 2017

Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
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Dear Chairman Ajit:

I write to express my strong recommendation for Brent J. Christensen's candidacy to the Federal Communications Commission's newly established Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee.

As a longtime resident of Minnesota, Brent has done tremendous work throughout the state in terms of establishing broadband connectivity for rural Minnesotans. Brent has successfully led his family's company, Christensen Communications Company, and represented the state's telecommunications industry on the Governor's appointed Broadband Taskforce. He has also been heavily involved in telecom policy, testifying before state and federal bodies and chairing committees for national trade associations.

I feel Brent's experience in providing high quality Broadband for Minnesotans who are truly in need would be an asset to the Committee, meanwhile he brings a wealth of industry and policy knowledge. The Committee would truly progress from Brent's involvement.

I ask that you give Mr. Brent J. Christensen your full and fair consideration for appointment to the FCC's Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee. Should you have any questions, please contact my Legislative Assistant, Andrew Giacini, at (202) 225-2271.

Sincerely,

Jason Lewis
Member of Congress



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March 6, 2017

The Honorable Jason Mark Lewis
U.S. House of Representatives
418 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Lewis:

Thank you for your letter supporting the appointment of Mr. Brent J. Christensen of Christensen Communications Company to serve on the Commission's Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC). We will certainly consider your recommendation and Mr. Christensen's impressive resume as the Commission reviews the nominations for the BDAC.

Last September, I proposed what I called a Digital Empowerment Agenda—a blueprint of policies that would accelerate the deployment of high-speed Internet access, or broadband, in communities across the country, including rural America. The BDAC is intended to provide an effective means for stakeholders to exchange ideas and develop recommendations to the Commission on broadband deployment. Its mission will be to identify regulatory barriers to infrastructure investment and to make recommendations on reducing and/or removing them, which will in turn enhance the Commission's ability to carry out its statutory responsibility to encourage broadband deployment to all Americans.

I appreciate your taking the time to communicate your recommendations to me. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Ajit V. Pai

P.S. Congressman, I appreciate your getting in touch. Do let me know if we can be helpful on other issues as well. (And incidentally, as a fan of radio, I admire the work you've done to connect with listeners around the country!)